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From the Publisher

Dear Friend

The last few months were an extremely busy time for the American Library. Library staff traveled widely across south India to inform people about the many resources available at the American Library. They interacted with members at several academic institutions in the cities of Vellore, Salem, Erode, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil, Kochi, Kottayam and Kanyakumari. The Library organized traveling exhibitions in Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Kozhikode, and Hubli/Dharwad to let people know that there is no better place than the American Library for accurate and up-to-date information on the United States, whether one's interests are government policies or American history, politics, culture, economy or literature. The traveling exhibitions included book displays, poster shows, video screenings, quiz contests for students, and presentations by the United States-India Educational Foundation on higher education.

In October, Consul General Andrew Simkin participated in the fourth anniversary of the American Corner in Bangalore. The celebrations included lectures, discussions and orientations on the Corner's resources. We urge our patrons to make use of the facilities at the American Corner located at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore, which is "a window on the United States" for residents of Bangalore. Members can access books and periodical collections, on-line and off-line data-bases, and attend seminars and group discussions on a range of American-focused topics. Visitors to the American Corner are always welcome, whether they are serious scholars, students investigating educational opportunities in the United States or casual readers just wishing to browse.

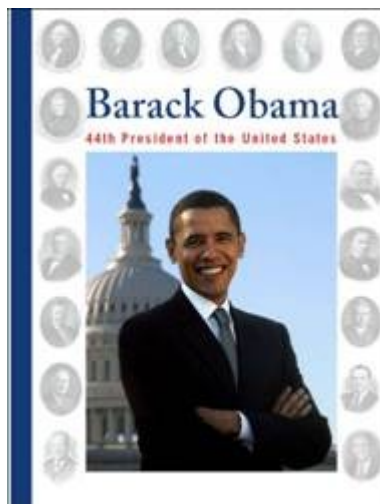
In this edition of our Newsletter, we take you on a pictorial tour of Library events organized between August and September 2008. As in the past we have also included recently added books and articles to our collection.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention this year's historic U.S. Presidential Election. On November 4th, 2008, U.S. voters elected Senator Barack Obama as the first African-American President of the United States. For your information we have provided a link to a detailed biography of President-Elect Obama, who will take office on January 20th, 2009.

We hope you enjoy this edition as much as the previous ones. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you some time in the Library.

Wesley Robertson
Information Officer

Barack Obama: 44th President of the United States



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Barack Obama, elected the 44th President of the United States, has lived a truly American life, and has opened a new chapter in American politics. This publication tells the story of Obama's life, describes how he captured the presidency, and portrays his vision for the future. It also introduces readers to the Obama family and to the new Vice President, Joseph Biden.

The full text of the above publication is available at : <http://www.america.gov/publications/books/obama.html>



In His Own Words

The following is excerpted from the U.S. Department of State publication [Barack Obama: 44th President of the United States](#).

In this excerpt from one of his speeches, Barack Obama talks about a time in his life when he "began to notice a world beyond myself" and about his desire to be an agent of change. These remarks were made in a commencement address at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, May 25, 2008.

I became active in the movement to oppose the apartheid regime of South Africa. I began following the debates in this country about poverty and health care. So that by the time I graduated from college, I was possessed with a crazy

idea — that I would work at a grassroots level to bring about change.

I wrote letters to every organization in the country I could think of. And one day, a small group of churches on the South Side of Chicago offered me a job to come work as a community organizer in neighborhoods that had been devastated by steel plant closings. My mother and grandparents wanted me to go to law school. My friends were applying to jobs on Wall Street. Meanwhile, this organization offered me \$12,000 a year plus \$2,000 for an old, beat-up car. And I said yes.

Now, I didn't know a soul in Chicago, and I wasn't sure what this community organizing business was all about. I had always been inspired by stories of the Civil Rights Movement and JFK's [President John F. Kennedy's] call to service, but when I got to the South Side, there were no marches, and no soaring speeches. In the shadow of an empty steel plant, there were just a lot of folks who were struggling. And we didn't get very far at first.

I still remember one of the very first meetings we put together to discuss gang violence with a group of community leaders. We waited and waited for people to show up, and finally, a group of older people walked into the hall. And they sat down. And a little old lady raised her hand and asked, "Is this where the bingo game is?"

It wasn't easy, but eventually, we made progress. Day by day, block by block, we brought the community together, and registered new voters, and set up after-school programs, and fought for new jobs, and helped people live lives with some measure of dignity.

But I also began to realize that I wasn't just helping other people. Through service, I found a community that embraced me; citizenship that was meaningful; the direction I'd been seeking. Through service, I discovered how my own improbable story fit into the larger story of America.

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Kagan, Robert. **The Return of History and the End of Dreams** / Robert Kagan.--1st ed.-- New York, NY: Knopf, 2008. (327.1 KAG)

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Mezeske, Richard J. **Beyond Tests and Quizzes: Creative Assessments in the College Classroom** / Richard J. Mezeske, Barbara A. Mezeske, editors. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, c2007. (378.166 BEY)

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Schonberger, Richard. **Best Practices in Lean Six Sigma Process Improvement: A Deeper Look** / Richard Schonberger. Hoboken, N.J.: John Wiley & Sons, c2008. (658.4013 SCH)

Skowronek, Stephen. **Formative Acts: American Politics in the Making** /edited by Stephen Skowronek and Matthew Glassman. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, c2007. (320 FOR)

Sundaresan, Indu. **The Feast of Roses: A Novel** / Indu Sundaresan. Washington Square Press trade pbk. ed.-- New York, NY: Washington Square Press, 2004. (SUN)

Whitaker, Lois Duke. **Voting the Gender Gap** / edited by Lois Duke Whitaker. Urbana, Chicago, IL:University of Illinois Press, c2008. (324.973 VOT)

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SIGNIFICANT DATES

October 1-31	National Book Month
October 9	Columbus Day
October 24	United Nations Day
November 1-30	American Indian Heritage Month
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
December 1-31	Universal Human Rights Month

CDS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

THE KENNEDYS

2003- 120 minutes

Featuring extensive interviews with family members, friends and first-hand witnesses and using a wealth of still photos and archival footage, this production is the first comprehensive documentary, which looks at the shaping of the Kennedy fortune and dynasty by the family's patriarch, Joseph P. Kennedy

ABRAHAM AND MARY LINCOLN: A HOUSE DIVIDED

2001 (3 PARTS) - 360 minutes

He was the dirt farmer's son determined to make something of himself. She was the daughter of wealthy Southern aristocrats with her own powerful political ambitions. He was the Great Emancipator. She was the daughter of slave-owners. He would become more central to America's image of itself. She would die unnoticed and totally forgotten. Together they ascended to the pinnacle of power at the most difficult time in USA's history

T R

2006 - 225 minutes

T R- the story of Theodore Roosevelt explores the influences of Roosevelt's childhood, charts his meteoric rise to the presidency and explores the turbulent years after he left office. The result is an engaging portrait of a skillful politician, rugged outdoorsman, caring father and a fascinating individual.

JIMMY CARTER

2006- 180 minutes

Jimmy Carter traces the ascent of an ambitious country boy from a peanut farm in Georgia to the Oval Office, it examines the failings of Carter's political leadership in the context of the turbulent 1970s; and explores the role religion played in his career.



Visitors to the American Library's Traveling exhibition at Kochi
August 2008



Library Director M.K. Jagadish explaining Library Resources to faculty at a college in Tirunelveli -August 2008



Information Officer Wesley Robertson interacting with city college students at the Library-August 2008



Documentation and Information Science students from Stella Maris College, working on their assignments at the American Library -September 2008



Mr. Frederick Kaplan, Consul for Public Affairs interacting with students at the School of Management, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirapalli -September 2008



Information Officer Wesley Robertson addressing students on U.S. Presidential Elections at Sri Sri Center for Media Studies September 2008



College students during a PAS travelling exhibition at the M.E.S. College for Women, Calicut -September 2008



Dr. Clayborne Carson at a roundtable discussion with American Studies scholars at the American Library -September 2008



American Library Travelling exhibition at Karnatak University, Dharwad -September 2008